liberalised reward scheme for officers and informers, strengthening of bilateral co-operation between neighbouring countries (including regional co-operation under the umbrella of SAARC). The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 provides for preventive detention up to a maximum period of two years for drug-related crimes. 250 persons have so far been detained under the said Act.

For the purpose of preventive detention for the maximum period provided under the Act, the inland area 100 Kms. in width from the (i) India-Pakistan border in the States of Gujarat, Punjab and Rajasthan;

(ii) the India-Nepal border in the States of Bihar Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal;

(iii) India-Burma border in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland;

(iv) the India-Bangladesh border in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and West Bengal;

(v) the India-Bhutan border in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam Sikkim and West Bengal; have been defined as areas higly vulnerable to illicit traffic. Further, the Police Officers of the N.E. States have been entrusted the functions of the Customs Officers under the Customs Act, 1962 for the purpose of provisions of Chapter IV-B of that Act to check the illicit movement and outward smuggling of "acetic anhydried"—a chemical precursor used in the illicit manufacture of heroin-which has been notified as a specified Item under section 11-I of the Customs Act, 1962.

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Act, 1988, recently passed by Parliament, *inter-alia*, provides for death penalty on second conviction in respect of specified offences involving specified quantities of certain drugs and also for feiture of property of drug offenders. Besides, all drug-related offences have been made cognizable and nonbailable.

ऋण मेलों संबंधी केन्द्रीय सतर्कता आयोग का प्रतिवेदन

3578. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों द्वारा आयोजित ऋण मेलों के संबंध में केन्द्रीय सतर्कता आयोग ने कोई प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस प्रतिवेदन की मुख्य-मुख्य बातें क्या-क्या हैं ; और

(ग) प्रतिवेदन के आधार पर सरकार द्वारा की गई कार्यवाही का पूर्ण ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में आर्थिक कार्य विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुवर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) से (ग) संभवत: माननीय सदस्य का आशय केन्द्रीय सतर्कता आयोग के वर्ष 1987 के प्रतिवेदन से है जिसमें यूनियन बैंक आफ इंडिया की एक शाखा द्वारा कुछेक ऋण देने में अधिकार का दुरुपयोग किये जाने के मामले की ओर ध्यान दिलाया गया है । प्रश्नगत मामले की जांच की गई थी और संबंधित व्यक्तियों के खिलाफ विभागीय कार्यवाही/आपराधिक अभियोजन आरंभ कर दिया गया है । प्रश्नगत प्रतिवेदन में, राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों द्वारा आयोजित किये गये ऋण-मेलों के संबंध मे कोई भी प्रतिकूल टिप्पणी नहीं की गयी है ।

35579. [*Transferred to the 28th March, 1989*]

Conditions of tubewells installed under centrally sponsored scheme in Orissa

3580. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thirty per cent of the tubewells installed under the centrally sponsored scheme in Orissa particularly in the tribal areas, are out of order;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to repair or replace these tubewells; and

(c) what instructions have been issued to the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. Only 74 out of 472 tubewells in the tribal areas are out of order.

(b) and (c) Orissa Government is taking necessary steps to repair the defective tubewells.

Heroin seized in Paharganj, Delhi

3581. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the "Hindustan Times" of the 21st February, 1989 to the effect that heroin worth Rs 70 lakhs was seized from a Nigerian near PPaharganj on 20th February, 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any arrest has been made in this regard; and

(d) if so, whether any inquiry has since been conducted in the matter and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Heroin worth Rs. 70 lakhs in the international market was seized from a Nigerian national on 19.2.89. He was arrested and a case under Section 21 N.D.P.S. Act was registered against him. He was later remanded to Judicial custody.

Delhi Judicial Service

3582. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sanctioned posts in Delhi Judicial Service;

(b) the number of posts lying vacant at present;

(c) the reasons for not filling up the vacancies;

(d) whsether there is any proposal to create some more posts on account of volume of pending litigations;

(e) when the last examination for Delhi Judicial Service was held and for how many posts; and

(f) when the next examination for filling up the vacancies of Judicial Officers is proposed to be held and for how many vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 133

(b) 36

(c) 33 being vacancies against those temporarily promoted or gone on deputation but holding lien cannot be filled up for want of a suitable provision in the Rules.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The last examination for recruitment to the Delhi Judicial Service was held in October, 1984, for 12 permanent and 25 temporary posts.

(f) No date for the next examination has been decided upon